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Veterans Invade Academy As Faculty Members

Bottom O' the Afternoon

By BLUE LARUE

Well, well, here we are back for another nine months filled with demerits, homework, and interesting assembly speeches. The old school looks about the same: the man with the shiny dome is back, the Public Speaking (?) classes are still in session, and the pressure in the Study Hall water fountain is the same—1/10,000th of a gram per square foot . . . When asked why he is so big and strong, Jones had only this to say: "I've smoked reefers for years." Lance silent on subject . . . Just ask Dickerson and Blackie about the Daytona Beach Boardwalk . . . If the Shmo is so wonderful, why can't it do homework and pay off demerits? . . . Milan is the just M.A.D. about Georgia. . . It is now fairly obvious that we paid a quarter for the songbooks to improve our knowledge of the words to that immortal classic, "ABCD E F." . . . Has Mr. Sager decided to monopolize the assembly talks this year, or don't we get to sleep through the other faculty members' oratorics? . . . Horn's hat size is now 12 1/2 since he talked the Big Man out of five demerits. This was heretofore thought to be an impossible feat . . . Orchids to the faculty for suggesting that shirt tails be left out. Still I think every student would look better in shorts . . . Oh, you lucky Sophomores! Being given that extra course in Public Speaking makes me glad I'm older . . . What has happened to the trigger-happy boys who shot off the cannon last year? Still in jail? . . . Matt Willis stars for Varsity. Odds on Ryan game soar . . . Seigenthaler was traced back to a tribe of Uhangis in South Africa . . . Seniors continue to wonder: Where HAD Lord Randal been? . . . Jarman and Horn claim their car (?) is the fastest thing on the road. Why only yesterday it left Price's pogo stick in a cloud of oil smoke . . . Coca-Cola business flourishes . . . Question of the month: Who is Little Black Sambo? . . . Suggestion to new teachers: You will get along better with all the boys by giving 100's and by not assigning any homework. Old teachers take notice, too . . . Why are there so many Hillsboro and W-B girls at the M. B. A. football games? (Hope H. A. doesn't read this!) . . . News item: Parrish-Roberts championship fight at Madison Square Gardens a sellout. . . I'll close with a warning to the new boys! Beware of the man-eating alligators in the moat and the horrible torture chamber in the dungeon. Or better still, get out of town before it's too late.



Blue LaRue



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BLACKBURN

Key Club Elects Nine New Members

Recently chosen for membership in the Key Club were Franklin Jarman, Matt Willis, Harold Bauer, Dick Carpenter, Alan Cooper, Eddie Dreck, John Hollins, Tony Jones, and Charli McDaniels. In order to be eligible for membership, boys must be in the top third of their class their previous school year and must be of outstanding character. These boys are voted on by members. No freshman is eligible to become a member. Membership is limited to 25.

The aims of the club are to promote school spirit and to help make needed improvements around school. Some of this year's objectives are to erect lights on the front steps for the benefit of people coming to night games, to shine the many trophies now in the library and to put them in cases in the hall, and to put a water cooler in the building.

Every year national and state conventions are held. This year the national convention is to be held in Washington, D. C.

This year's officers, who were Sharp, president; Don Wade, vice-president; Buzz Davis, secretary; Andy Spickard, treasurer.

This marks the Key Club's third year at M.B.A.

Students Urged To Attend Games

The school spirit of the boys at M.B.A. as seen from an outsiders' point of view, is judged largely by the cheering section at the football games.

This year eight boys have volunteered to be cheerleaders. This is a much larger and better organized group than any scream team in recent years. It is the duty of each boy to be present at every game possible. There should be a group large enough to charter buses for games not played at M.B.A.

M.B.A. is the smallest school in the AA division and it is necessary for us to have a greater percentage of students at the games in order to compare favorably with the cheering sections of the larger schools.

If you expect the team to play its best, you must do your best to support it.

So it is up to you, the students of M.B.A. to back your cheerleaders and your team to the utmost and give them your fullest cooperation.

Todd On Drink

This story was told to me by Jack Todd and I pass it on to you for what it is worth:

"I had twelve bottles of whiskey in my cellar and my girl told me to empty the contents of each and every bottle down the sink or else. So, I said I would and proceeded with the unpleasant task."

"I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink with the exception of one glass, which I drank. I extracted the cork from the second bottle and did likewise, with the exception of one glass which I drank. I then withdrew the cork from the third bottle and emptied the good old booze down the sink, except one glass which I drank. I pulled the cork from the fourth sink and poured the bottle down the glass which I drank."

"I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink out of it and threw the rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork down the bottle. I pulled the next cork from my throat and poured the sink down the bottle and drank the glass. Then I corked the sink with the glass bottled the drink and drank the pour."

"When I had everything emptied I steadied the house with one hand and counted the bottles and corks and glasses with the other, of which there were twenty nine. To be sure I counted them again and when they came by I had seventy-four and as the house came by I counted them again and finally had all the houses and bottles and corks and glasses counted except one house and one bottle which I drank."

O'Donnell Seeks Sports Stories

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43 New Students As Fall Term Opens

As September 8th rolled around M.B.A. opened its doors to 189 students for its 142 consecutive year of school. M.B.A. welcomed back 145 old boys and 43 new ones including: John Actley, Richard Anderson, Louis Bechlette, Philip Baum, Herman Blackwood, Charles Blackwood, Sinclair Buntin, Tommy Cate, Donal Causey, William Coles, Thomas Comer, Hallan Cragin, Hollis Derryberry, William Elliston, Andrew Ewing, Harvey Frost, William Hoffman, Percy Jackson, Claude Jarman, Jay Johnson, Role Fightfoot, Don Massey, James Martin, Robert Miller, Albert Nisley, James Perue, William Pfeiffer, Glenn Plummer, Charles Potter, Somers Randolph, George Reynolds, Wade Riley, Glenn Seat, Dan Strayhorn, John Truitt, Louis Todd, William Ward, William Watts, Ralph Watts, John Davis, Robert Dunn, and Don Ignatz.

ALUMNI NEWS

by John Hooker

During the past summer some of the alumni of M. B. A. have been enjoying one big party in connection with the marriage of Joe Card and Anabel Gayden. Among the M. B. A. alumni who took part in this wedding were: Dan Denny, Royal McCullough, Jack McEwen, Tom Griscom and Billy Ferguson.

Two of M.B.A.'s best behaved boys of last year have journeyed off to a small country club by the name of V.M.I. You guessed it, they're Dopey Howard and Tommy Goodloe.

Also going off to school for the 48-49 season are Jake Wallace, Ed

Nelson, and Bill Bailey who have gone to Sewanee.

Some of the Academy's fine graduates of last year are going to Vandy where Harry Corson, Al Williams, and Walter Noel are Phi Delta Theta's.

Herbert Fox spends most of his time at the lodge drinking milk.

Bill Calton has been having quite a fling with a certain young Miss by the name of Nancy Denney.

Al Whitson tells me that M.B.A.'s present team is almost as good as the one he played on, but not quite.

Those two stupes Bernard Werthan and Thomas Kennedy have gone to M.I.T. for a little rest.

Three Teachers New To M. B. A.

In order that all the students may know more about the new teachers, Blackburn, Hood, and Wise, the Bell Ringer is presenting the following biographical sketches.

MR. WISE

by Bob Parrish

This year we have with us at M.B.A. Mr. Henry A. Wise who is teaching freshman algebra and plane geometry.

Mr. Wise graduated from Obion High School at Obion, Tennessee in 1933, after which he attended Lambuth College at Jackson, Tenn., where he played center on the varsity football team. He then taught for six years in the Obion County Schools. After a six years tenure in the armed forces Mr. Wise attended Vanderbilt University School of Engineering for one year, receiving his B. S. from Peabody College in March, 1948. He took two quarters of graduate work in math before coming to M.B.A. this fall.

Mr. Wise is assistant coach of junior varsity football at M.B.A. He resides with H. R. Benagh on Leland Lane.

MR. HOOD

by David Rounton

Among the three new teachers at M.B.A. this fall, we have, replacing Miss Jean McCaules, who taught freshmen and sophomores English, Mr. Hood. Miss McCaules, who joined the faculty of M.B.A. in the fall of 1947, has gone to Florida where she is doing Library work. Mr. Hood, we feel sure, will be able to take over and do an excellent job this year.

Mr. Hood is a native of Nashville. He was born here and it was here that he received his high school training. After graduating from Central High in 1941, he began studies at Peabody College for bachelor of science degree. However, the war interrupted his college work and he joined the Marine Corp.

He became a staff sergeant assigned to naval intelligence. It was serving in this capacity that he spent fully a year and a half overseas. Also spending some time here in the United States he was a navigation instructor.

After leaving the armed forces, he continued work for his B. S. degree at Peabody. While at college he was so outstanding as to be elected president of the entire student body. It was last June that he received his degree and graduated. However, while he serves on the faculty he also is working on his master's degree at Peabody, which he hopes to receive in the near future.

Although this is his first experience at teaching at a prep school we feel certain that Mr. Hood will become an important part of the administration of M.B.A.

MR. BLACKBURN

One of the most important events in the life of George Meredith (Continued on Page 4.)

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About the Honor System

I've been sitting at my desk for thirty minutes trying to write a few original words about the Honor System. The wastebasket is filled with rejected attempts; perhaps I haven't had enough experience at writing editorials. Finding myself up a blind alley, I've decided to just jot down my personal feelings about the System.

In 1945 I saw the Honor System refused by the student body. This refusal was due to several causes; however, the chief reason for the rejection was that students felt reporting offenders to an Honor Council was tattle-taling.

This rejection brought forth much comment and serious discussion of the System: its pros and cons. Then in January; 46 only 25 boys voted against it. M.B.A. had its Honor System. Although the System has had a marked effect on life at M.B.A. I have always felt it was never so successful as it could have been. The majority of the students, myself included, have failed to either warn or report offenders. At times teachers have violated their share of the agreement by maintaining a police-like watch over their classes, or by using the Students' pledge of Honor to discover who broke this school rule or that one.

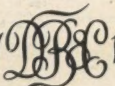
As I see it, the Honor System is a mutual trust. If the System is to succeed there must exist a feeling of trust among everyone actively connected with the Academy. When a student leaves a book lying somewhere around school he should expect to find it there upon his return; if a teacher leaves his room he must trust his students not to cheat. The Honor System can not work any other way. It is absurd for a teacher to ask a class not to cheat when he questions their Honor at every turn. Likewise one can hardly expect the students to trust each other when a member of the football squad can't leave anything of value in his locker.

In short the Honor System boils down to this: "While a member of the student body at M.B.A. I will not lie, cheat, or steal."

Out-of-Order

September 10 shortly after the morning assembly had begun an M.B.A. institution was destroyed. The shouting of "Who's right?" with its reassuring response, "M.B.A." had been banned. The reason given: that it was "Out-of-order." School Spirit can not be turned on at a pep meeting and off for the rest of the week. School spirit must be spontaneous. Perhaps shouting in study hall is out-of-order, but a school without spirit is not only out-of-order, its on its way out.

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Class News

Grade School News

The Microbes are off to another slam-bang school year. They are, as usual, studying 13 hours a day and getting 2 hours sleep a night.

The football team sweats it out in the afternoon under the coaching of Mr. Hood. The most familiar thing heard on the football field comes from Sambo Harwell and we quote, "Come on fellas don't let it get you down, we can't all be good."

Most of the grade school turned out to watch the varsity smear West. Some that didn't show up at the game were recovering from the rides at the fair.

Freshman News

All right, Good. Freshman's first impression of general science.

Who would suffocate if he could not talk? Mr. Hackman demonstrates effect of acid on base. Country smells results. Also Country absent next day. Who's Plato? He looks batty. He is fatty. Send in your guess at once. You may win the Brooklyn Bridge.

Emma Jean or Anne Sterry, that is the question of the day.

And Ignatz and Sweeney hat it out on the last court.

Johns didn't go to the fair to see the pigs.

What's the matter with the \$17.95 coke machine.

Who knew Williams could play tennis?

Hiccupps is a good excuse to get a drink isn't it Phil?

Bobby Lance wants to know who's trying to escape from study hall by drilling holes in the wall.

(Due to circumstances beyond my control it is Monday and time for the News to be in. More next time.)

Your innmate

Lester Gooch.

Flash! Last minute Bulletin!

Ridley Wills opened his eyes!

Sophomore News

Well, it's another year, and some of the old-timers are back from nardole. Saw EDDIE MOATES, HAROLD BAUER, JOHN HOLINS, and BILL STONE discussing what a good time SHE had on HIS vacation.

Have you all heard?—TOGY (BEEG-MAN) JONES took first place in the Olympic weight lifting contest. Congratulations, Mr. Jones.

Seen up in Hop-town the other Friday night were BOBBY RIPPY, BEN MOORE, DICK CARPEN, TER, BOBBY STROUD, GILBERT TEMPLETON, and many others wildly shouting and cheering for the victorious Maroons.

Hats off to JIMMY RAY, MORRIS WILLIAMS, and BOBBY GRAHAM who are playing varsity football this fall.

When WARDEN SAGER proclaimed that all sophomores had to take public speaking, "SLIM JIM" CHERRY and CHARLIE (FRENCHY) ROLFE broke into a stanza of "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" and left via an open window.

At the West-MBA game the other night, we caught JOE TENISON, JACKIE JACKSON, BOB WILK, and JOHN FLOYD discussing yodeling for his concert tour in the spring.

It was picked up from the local grapevine that "FESS" RULE was hiring BILL (EIGHT-BALL) PURVEAR to do professional yodeling for his concert tour in the spring.

Clear the roads! If you see a black streak going through town, it's not a shooting star; it's "FESS" HOOD in his "Back Alley Racer." He says it will do something like 95 m.p.h., but come now, 'fess up "FESS."

The question of the day is—who is going to try for demerit medalist

this year? "FESS" YOUNGER has already received the medal and a hand-engraved frog-rig for runner-up. Maybe BILL KING, DILLARD ADAMS, WADE RILEY, or JOHN LYTTON will be in the running.

The views shown above do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the prison board.

Junior News

Two hundred some-odd and I do mean some odd-beary eyed gentlemen staggered into Study Hall several weeks ago, thus beginning the '48-'49 school year. After a brief welcoming speech, Headmaster Sager promptly read the first demerit list and, as usual, the more liberal Juniors found themselves with gobs of time on their hands. Already such characters as Bill King are booked solid till Easter.

Once more the fragrant odor of the locker room comes drifting over the campus, subtly announcing to one and all the return of football season. Matt Wills went out and finally made the scrub team. He was in charge of the soap. Matt got into one practice game though and was so light and fast that in the first half he was all over the field. It took the doctors that long to gather him up.

A mass migration may be observed moving every afternoon from the dear Alma Mater to the 20th Century Billiard Lounge (vulgarily known as the pool hall), a friendly establishment devoted to the advancement of youth, sport, and the proprietor's bank account. Among the artists who can be studied as they display their flawless form in a scratch match at the rack shack are Sidepocket Coble and Three Cushion Wood.

No, that monkey gorilla you've seen prancing around the gym isn't Gargantua but Jack Todd, who has fallen heir to a Charles Atlas course. Todd needs muscles like he needs a hole in the head, but he says they impress O'Callahan. He should know. So should 60 others. Yours till Demerit Hall, Shmoos.

Senior News

School days, school days, finally after three hard tollsome years the former Juniors advance to the height of glory, thus becoming beloved, honorable, and studious Seniors.

Hats off to Jack Burch, who received the first demerit of the year. See you are still up to your old tricks Jack. Atta boy.

Congratulations to the cheerleaders for being responsible for plenty of noise at all the games. I think Bill Blackie needs a new pair of vocal chords.

Little Billy Price really played a wonderful game against West. It seems that coach wasn't the only one he was trying to impress.

Speaking of mental exhaustion, Ward Lovell, Dickie Miller, Lee Lance, and David Adams always look pretty shot after a round in Mrs. B's English. To quote her, "Why gee whiz boys, who ever heard tell of sleep." J. J. Hooker says that he's managed to keep his grades in the two digit class so far.

Challenge of the month. Does anyone of sane mind dare to risk their life and car in a race with death. If so contact Franklin Jarman, Ernest Franklin, or Charlie Blackard owners of a speedy pile of junk. Already left in the dust is one 1947 Oldsmobile. No responsibilities taken.

"Hoots From the Owl's Nest"

Hoots From the Owl's Nest back again, ain't you sorry? Well, so is this column.

Shades of Billy Edwards and Henry Wallace! Here's more eggs from the nest in your eye.

Let's go no further. Give a rousing big hoot to those two able bodied score-board keepers: Right end, Joe Erwin and left end, Huston Horn. One thing: They're complaining the cheerleaders make too much noise—they can't even hear the radio up there. Their theme song—"Tee—D for two."

Get-Well-Quick to Bill Blackie, who was on the receiving end of a black eye when he and Inman Fox got off on the wrong track doing the "Old Locomotive" at the cheerleading practice before the T.I.S. game.

Who's the unfortunate someone who Moor: (I've been to Florida) Milam is so mad about? J. G. is simply fed up and says she don't want no "more."

Open letter to cheerleaders:

"You boys (You too Seigenthaler) are all doing a fine job but for Heaven sake can anybody keep in time except Billy Sneed?"

Signed,

Coach Allen.

"Brilliant" Lance and Diet Smith have just come up with an entirely new method for engraving chest notes on your glasses. Said Lance and Smith, "It sure beats the old fashioned wrist radio by a long shot."

Earhart says his old girl friend was quite the song writer—Am I your desire too, Billy Joe?

Joe White sure has Mr. Blackburn baffled, he doesn't know whether Joe is going with Patty Ann or Moor: Milam.

Signed,

Your Fine Feathered Friend.

Exchanges

Santa Claus is the only guy in the world who can run around with a bag all night and not get talked about.—West Wind

She's something like an ostrich

The strangest of the lot

She carefully hides the things she knows.

But not the things she's got.

West Wind

Man in a restaurant, upon ordering a cup of coffee, trying to start a conversation with the waitress.

"Looks like rain doesn't it?"

Waitress: "Well, it tastes like coffee doesn't it?"—West Wind.

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M.B.A. Beats T.S.S. As Team Points For DuPont Maroons Take West, 28-0

"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By RASCOE DAVIS

In two of the biggest upsets among team members seen on the M.B.A. courts since Bobby Walker blasted his way into the number two position in the Autumn of '46, Buzz Davis defeated Fontaine McDaniel and Inman Fox to gain the finals of the tennis tournament played to determine positions on the Fall tennis squad. McDaniel after winning the first set and holding a five-two lead in the second, lost the second two sets to advance Davis to the semis. Buzz afterwards subdued flashy little Inman Fox, who was admittedly a little off his game, 6-4, 6-4. Buzz will, no doubt, prove an invaluable member to the team. Spectators seem to concur that Buzz's two outstanding qualities are his lobs against the baseline and the consistency with which he puts overheads away.

Kentucky would do well to incorporate a system by which a "K.S.E.A.A." council chooses the officials for the games in the ensuing year on the basis of each record during the preceding year. If the officiating in the M.B.A.-Hopkinsville game was typical of the refereeing done in all football games in Kentucky, then we feel sure this step will be necessary to prevent rioting among the crowds watching the games.

After the Big Red's 28-0 rout of a highly-touted West High Blue Jay eleven (rated a one-point underdog by Littleton's) the next "Litrating" should put the Maroons among the top three teams in the state.

The Grapevine has it that Ehrhart will leave school in January to attend Georgia Tech.

No games may be played after Thanksgiving according to a ruling made by the T.S.S.A.A. Accordingly as the Scarlet-Black game cannot be held on the same day as the Litton-M.B.A. game (Thanksgiving day) it must be held before Thanksgiving. Since every-one participating in the Scarlet-Black game immediately becomes ineligible for further high-school play, no one from either Isaac Litton or M.B.A. will be represented in this tilt.

Congratulations! Eight new cheerleaders did one of the best jobs of leading cheers at M.B.A. we have ever seen at the Hopewell-M.B.A. tilt. Almost half of the students were there to back them up. Brickbats!—however at the Maroon-West game as the cheering done was much inferior to that of the initial game and also to that of the West cheering. Each person seemed almost embarrassed to let himself go and really shout for the team. School spirit is nothing to be ashamed of.

Much talk and little action has been the result of the suggestion that M.B.A. have a rifle team. Such sharpshooters as Ernest Franklin and Bill Blackwell would make an M.B.A. team tops in Nashville.

Our warmest thanks to Mr. Sauer and a much harassed and maligned Ladd Motor Coach Lines driver for taking twenty-five of us to Hopewell and back. We feel sure that if a bus were chartered for the Tullahoma game the trip would prove equally successful.

Highlights of a Half Century Of Football

by Jim Brent

When the Maroon footballers rang up the curtain on the '48 season with a 21-14 win over Hopkinsville, it marked the fiftieth anniversary of football at the school, for way back in 1898 the first M.B.A. team took the field, and from that year to the present date the Big Red has been known throughout the South as one of the gridiron powers of this section.

As any records which might have existed about the 1898-99 teams have been lost and forgotten, little is known about them; however, it is significant that the 1900 team (in which the late General Frank M. Andrews played) won the City championship.

For the next 25 years the teams had their ups and downs but began to gain a reputation for their keen competitive spirit and good sportsmanship and continued to play a good brand of football until the coming of Robbie Worrall in 1925 (a boost to the team's hopes). In his first season as a regular he ran wild against almost every opponent and in 1926 he was joined by a host of other stars who combined to give M.B.A. its two best years of football—one state championship and one southern championship. In these two "golden years" they were unbeaten, untied, and unscored on in sixteen games and scored a total of 889 points, 89 of which came in the smashing defeat of Knoxville High School's East Tennessee Champions in 1926. After the 1927 season had drawn to a close they were elected southern champs by a poll of sports writers.

Although these teams overshadowed those which immediately followed them, the school continued to produce outstanding teams until the depression caused a decrease in the number of students enrolled and consequently a decline of the Maroon athletic teams. In 1934 coach Chili Hardin, who had starred here in 1926-27, resigned his post and was replaced by present coach Howard Allen, who was another M.B.A. alumnus (class of 1930) and had attended Murray State Teachers College for four years, where he had gained a reputation as the best quarterback in the school's history.

Soon the Big Red once again took its place among the top teams of the state; in 1938 Phil Cutchen, ably assisted by halfback Proest Grek, fullback Tommy Owen and tackle Earl Ragsdale, led his mates to a city championship, and for his fine performances was chosen Most Valuable Player in the city. The Maroons continued to click and in 1940, sparked by a backfield which was called one of the best in our history they annexed the city title with a record of seven wins, two ties, and no defeats.

After the '41 season, when they were rated tops in the state, came the war, and athletics everywhere took a back seat. However, in 1944 another outstanding eleven was produced on the Hill, which with the Captain, Al Whitson, chosen all city, all state, all southern, and most valuable player in the city league, was favored to capture the city title until an upset victory by East in the season's finale caused them to lose the championship. Two years later the potentially great 1946 team saw its hopes for a third championship marred by a 0 to 0 tie with Du Pont, but halfback Billy Joe Ehrhart set a new scoring record, and Jack Sparks was chosen on the all state team, Bill Wade was elected most valuable player, and Boz Ezell was named to the all city team. Last season, though the victims of a late season slump the Maroons had Wade and Ezell on the all city team and were rated third in Nashville by Dr. E. L. Litkenhous.

This year, Coach Allen has for-

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Cooties Also Use Split-T

Coach Henry "Booby" Hackman, head man of the junior varsity "Cooties," expects great things of his split T formation gang this year. With one of the largest turnouts the "Boes" have ever had, he naturally got off to a good start, and now comes up with a heavy, fast line in front of an excellent supply of fast scabbers. The boys themselves are optimistic about the outlook ahead and seem eager for their initial contest.

At present the backfield slots are undecided, with Bobby Lanes and Claude Jarman vying for the quarterback spot; Jackie Duncan, Summers Randolph, Don Austin, Don Massey, and Glenn Plummer working in the halfback posts; and Jimmy Polletieri and Dillard Adams in the heavy fullback role.

With the exception of center, where big Joe Worrall and Ralph Williams are still trying for a first string part, the other spots are probably settled. On the ends are Eddie Moats and John Hollins; at tackles, Ben Moore and "Country" Sloan; and John Lytton and Charles Brooks have slugged it out with a large group for the starting guard berths.

Rounding out the squad for the Du Pont opener are: Ben Adams, Dickie Moran, Roger Blackwell, Herman Blackwood, John Howell, Bob Edmunds, Bobby Stroud, Wade Kilby, Ben Kingree, Tommy Cate, Jimmy Anderson, Bill Foreyear, Bobby Rippey, and Charlie McDaniel, out at the present with a broken arm.

BEAT DU PONT

Character Catches

— LARRY BLUM —
by Bill Estes

Heading the list of announcers at WMAK, Nashville's newest radio station, is Larry Blum, who is currently reporting M.B.A. football games plus a number of other important prep school contests. Blum's pin-point coverage of gridiron tilts has brought him local fame among the armchair quarterbacks. Responsible for his accurate announcing is his intimate knowledge of football which he has acquired from close observation in the past decade.

Blum was born in Nashville and has lived here all his life. He spent his high school days at West End High and is now in his senior year in Vanderbilt University, where he is majoring in economics and working on the HUSTLER, the campus paper.

Blum's radio career started very early. While in high school his public speaking teacher introduced him to an announcer on WISN, who later found a place for him at the station doing spot commentaries. After holding this position for about three and a half years, he became sports director for the recently established WMAK studios.

Blum labels the Maroon eleven as the top team in the Mid-State area. Even though the Big Red encounters the power laden Litton and Springfield outfits, he believes the speed and deception based on the tricky split-T formation will overcome any general weakness and guide M.B.A. to an undefeated season.

Hopkinsville First Victim of M. B. A.

The potent M.B.A. Maroons opened their 1948 football season on September 18 with the Hopkinsville Tigers. A crowd estimated at 4500 watched Coach Howard Allen's version of the split T formation rack up a 21-14 victory on the loser's field.

The Big Red got rolling in the first quarter when, after a 60-yard drive, Sophomore Fullback Jimmy Ray plunged over from the 11 for the initial tally of the evening. Bobby Worrall ran the extra over. The second period was scoreless, but the Tigers' sustained drive midway through the third quarter netted them seven points and tied the ball game. Early in the fourth period, lightning, in the form of Billy Joe Ehrhart, struck the Hoppers as the Flying Dutchman felled from the 12, and then added the extra. But the Tigers came right back with John Adams scoring and Billy Sparks running the extra over. The Maroons bagged the game almost immediately however, when Jimmy Ray scored his second TD of the night. Ehrhart added his second extra.

Although the Maroon team was outmanned and outwitted, it was never outfought. The aerial game was clicking to help out the ground attack when needed, and Charley Blackard averaged 21.6 yards per punt. This average would have been 33.7 yards but for two, one of which was blocked and the other of which went out of bounds after five yards.

The officials were decidedly not up to par. The reasons for several M.B.A. penalties were unfathomable by the spectators, and, on the other hand, several times the right tackle for the Red Team was offside and no penalty was called.

The entire Maroon team performed creditably, while Davis and J. Adams performed the main ball-carrying duties for the Hoppers. Cannon and Gardner were outstanding in the Tiger line.

While giving credit where credit's due, Blum tabbed Coach Howard Allen as the finest prep school coach in the state. This statement is upheld by Allen's ability to turn out winning teams.

Blum definitely approves of the early training program which is enacted at M.B.A. Capitalizing on the strong body, sound mind axiom, a boy at M.B.A. has a decidedly greater advantage over most high school age boys because of the closer and better individual attention he receives, not only in the classroom but on the athletic field as well.

Although Blum has not definitely outlined his remaining career, he intends to continue his work in radio in the field of sports.

In a game marked by long and brilliant runs on the part of both teams, the Maroons of M. B. A. continued to roll down the trail of no defeat as they busted the T. I. S. Broncos, 34-0, on Friday night, October 1, on the losers' field.

The scoring got under way early when on their sixth play from scrimmage, the Big Red tallied. Bobby Worrall ran it over from the two and Charley Blackard passed to Bobby Bonar for the extra. Midway through the second period, Wilbur Creighton went over from the one to climax an eighty yard drive. Blackard failed to carry the extra over. Billy Joe Ehrhart got into the scoring parade via a brilliant 65-yard run on the first play from scrimmage as the second half began. He then added the extra. Midway through the period, he scored again to terminate a 60-yard drive by passing to Charley Hawkins. Blackard rammed the extra over. In the opening minutes of the final quarter, the Big Red took over the ball on their own one yard line. Blackard hit Hawkins on the twenty with a pass and the lanky end went all the way. The quarterback then passed to Bonar for the extra to end the scoring for the night. In the final minutes, the Maroon second stringers threatened, carrying to the Buster five. An attempted field goal by Dickie Miller was blocked however.

As usual, Bobby Worrall and Billy Joe Ehrhart were the big guns in the M. B. A. attack, with Blackard filling the quarterback slot very ably. Glenn Hiles was the Industrial School's main threat, and Billy Pat Williams performed well when needed. Outstanding linemen were the Maroons' Billy Price, Don Wade, and Charley Hawkins, and the Busters' Joe Hill.

In the final quarter many of the Big Red's second stringers were in the game, with Bobby Van Arsdell, Billy Hyran, Ward Lovell, and Andy Spickard giving good accounts of themselves. The Busters were playing their usual hard-hitting game, blocking and tackling well. There were five runs from the scrimmage of twenty yards or more (four by M. B. A.), and ten of fifteen yards or more (seven by the Maroon team). M. B. A. was never forced to punt. Of the 116 yards passing amassed by the Red team, 99 came on Blackard's pass to Hawkins in the fourth quarter.

M.B.A.	The Yardstick	T.I.S.
18	Own Fumbles Recovered	0
15	First Downs	9
357	Yards Rushing	173
116	Yards Passing	0
8	Passes Attempted	2
5	Passes Completed	0
4	Fumbles	3
2	Own Fumbles Recovered	0
75	Yards Penalized	5

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Personality of the Month



DON WADE

By GILBERT TEMPLETON

To start the season off with a bang we have chosen as our personality of the month one of the most popular and outstanding boys at M.B.A.

He can be none other than Don Wade. Don excels on the football field, the baseball diamond, the basketball court, the tennis court, and in the class room.

Lets look back on his record at M.B.A. Don entered in '45 and started right off by playing first string on the cootie football team. The boys thought so much of him they elected him president of the class. In '46 again he was president of his class and played first string junior varsity football. He was also a member of the school committee. In '47 he played junior football and basketball and was a charter member of the key club. In '48 he was vice-president of his class, played varsity basketball and was a member of the monogram club. This year he is vice president of the Key Club and is middleman on the varsity. No telling what all he will do the rest of this year.

Don's favorite sport is football as if it could be anything else. His favorite food is country ham and his favorite subject is History. (Although I don't see why.) He said the hardest subject is Physics.

Don is noted for his broad smile and winning way. He is every bit of a sport, gentleman and scholar. Mr. and Mrs. Wade, M.B.A. salutes you for having as fine a son as Don. Good luck Don wherever you go and in whatever you do.

BLACKBURN

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Blackburn took place in the late summer of 1922—his was born. As a lad he received his initial education at Roberson Academy. (It is interesting to note that other alumni of that school include Bill Price, Buzz Davis, and Vernon Sharp.) After graduating from Roberson Mr. Blackburn enrolled at M.B.A.

At M.B.A. he played tail-back on the cootie football team and lettered in both basketball and tennis. Little is known of these years at M.B.A. as Mr. Blackburn prefers not to discuss them. After graduating from the Academy he enrolled in Vanderbilt. The year was 1940. Two years later, quite unexpectedly, he was called to join an exclusive club of army air force pilots. While overseas Capt. Blackburn was a strafing and dive-bomber pilot. He was twice shot down in combat. Then, after flying 90 missions he returned home to complete his education.

Returning to Vandy in March, 1946 he majored in business and minored in history. Upon graduation he received his A. B. and later fulfilled the requirement for his M. A.

In the meanwhile he had married. His wedding to Miss Betty Brewton of Nashville. (Now, interestingly enough, Mrs. George Meredith Blackburn) took place in 46 soon after he had left the army.

It was now time for him to find his place in the world of the future. So, with his finely chiseled chin jutting out into the wind he came to M.B.A. Upon his arrival he was placed in charge of commercial law, economics, modern history, civics and second, third, and seventh period study halls. Today after years of waiting he has turned the tables and now sits in the teacher's chair.

Besides teaching school at the Academy, Mr. Blackburn is helping out with the cheerleaders, or scream team. When he leaves the campus in his shiny jeep station wagon he heads for his farm and home at Kingston Springs. One night a week he goes to meetings of the Air National Guard where he holds the rank of Capt. and is in command of such sterling examples of manhood as Lee Lance.

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saken the single wing attack, which has given the Maroons so many successful seasons, in favor of a split T offense. This move may well mean another series of championship for the M.B.A. eleven.

WEST, 28-0

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Playing for the first time this year before a local crowd, the Big Red of M.B.A. killed the hopes of the West High Blue Jays for an unbeaten season by romping 28-0 before a packed house at Frank M. Andrews Field on Friday night, September 24. The highly touted Jays, rated only one point under the Maroons according to the famous Litkenhous - Difference - By - Score system, managed to cross the M.B.A. 35-yard line only in the fading minutes when they drove to the 6.

The Maroons scored in the second, third, and fourth periods, with Ehrhart scoring twice and Bobby Worrall and Charley Blackard once each. The initial quarter was marked by Worrall's brilliant 69-yard run to the West 14. But the Jays held, and it was not until the opening minutes of the second period that Worrall scored from the nine to climax a drive from the M.B.A. 35. Ehrhart's extra attempt was turned back. Midway through the quarter, however, Billy Joe got six points instead of one as he scampered over from the Jay 21. Blackard passed to Bomar for the extra. The third Maroon TD came after five minutes in the third quarter when Blackard plunged over from the one to end a 40-yard drive. On the extra point, the pass was incomplete. Ehrhart scored his second touchdown of the evening via a 75-yard gallop to paydirt, late in the quarter, and then rammed the extra over. The final score came in the final period when Charley Hawkins blocked a West kick on the Jays' 10. The ball went behind the double stripe. West recovered, and the Big Red got two more points.

The Big Red outtrushed the West-ners by 310 yards, amassing 363 yards to the Jays' 53. Most of this yardage was accounted for by the Touchdown Twins, Junior Grade, Billy Joe Ehrhart and Bobby Worrall. Charley Blackard played well at quarterback, and Wilbur Creighton and Dickie Miller alternated at the full slot. The line was marked by the performance of Charley Hawkins and David Adams. The Jays' standouts were Walter Wright and Jerry Klein, (a former student at the academy) in the backfield, and Fred Graham in the line.



The young lady approached the floorwalker and asked, "Do you have any notions on this floor?" After looking her over he replied, "Yes, but we try to suppress them during business hours."

Price: "Love makes the world go 'round.'" Coach: "Yes, but then so does a good slug of tobacco juice."

One night a drunk came home and went directly to the kitchen where he tied all the pots and pans

on a rope. As he started up the stairs he was heard to remark, "She'll never hear me in this infernal din."

"I guess I lost another pupila," said the professor, as his glass eye fell down the drainpipe.

Then there was the woman who was so dumb she thought a goblet was a sailor's child.

Accused by a friend of insulting the preacher, Milan answered thus: "What did I do? All I asked was for him to pray for my floating rib. Last week he prayed for all the loose livers."

Miss Me: "If I say 'I have went' it is wrong, isn't it, Marion?" Smith: "Yes'm, I guess so." Mrs. Me: "Why?" Marion: "Because you ain't went yet."

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